



ENERGY STAR® Homes Northwest











Engaging the Marketplace In the Northwest



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Program Implementers

- Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA)
 - Non-profit funded by Northwest utilities and systems benefit administrators.
 - Encourages adoption of energy efficient technologies and services
- Energy Trust of Oregon
 - Non-profit organization, administer systems benefit charges collected from 5 utilities in Oregon
 - Cover 80% of the state



Program History

Program Launched in 2004

- 2,354 Northwest ENERGY STAR Homes built in 2006
- 237 Northwest ENERGY STAR active builders in 2006

Northwest ENERGY STAR Homes program includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana







Key Market Players

Builders/Developers

Building Performance Specialists/Verifiers

Realtors

Suppliers to Builders – HVAC, Lighting & more



Builders/Developers Progress to Date

- Co-op Advertising/ Model Home Incentives
- Program-Sponsored Advertising
- Champion Builders/Developers
- Engaging Builder Associations
- Partnering with Green Building Programs
- Extensive marketing efforts and staff training on ENERGY STAR benefits



Co-op Advertising

- BETTER WITH ENERGY STAR
 - 50 builders leveraged \$110,000 in cooperative funding.



- 47 builders received model home incentives for opening 55 model homes.
- 80 builders in 8 markets leveraged \$183,000 in funding through EPA coop.

Victory Homes—Spokane, Washington and Holton Homes—Nampa, Idaho







CHANGE FOR THE BETTER WITH ENERGY STAR



Program-Sponsored Ads

 Energy Trust's fall campaign showcasing ENERGY STAR builders with inventory.





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Champion Builders

- 14 champion builders in 2007 received \$84,000
- Co-branding efforts with these builders included:
 - Fully integrated advertising campaigns
 - Public Relations campaigns
 - Upgraded presence on websites
 - Display installation in sales offices/model homes











Developers

Issaquah Highlands, Seattle Washington

- Featuring 100% ENERGY STAR and 4-star Built Green homes.
- 2500 homes over 10 years.
- Program support via co-op ads, model homes, discovery center and events.





Builder Associations

Working with Puget Sound Energy, Seattle Washington, on a joint partnership to sponsor local MBA associations that promote ENERGY STAR along with their Built Green program.

- King/Snohomish County
- Pierce County
- CWBGA

In Oregon, the program is working with the local Homebuilders Association (HBA).





Green Building Programs

Working with regional green building programs to co-brand and jointly promote energy-efficient building practices.

- Earth Advantage ENERGY STAR preferred energy path
- Built Green ENERGY STAR required for 4 star level







Green Building Trainings

In Oregon, co-sponsored with Earth Advantage a Green Building week hosted by the HBA. 60-80 people attended each session.

- Green Building 101
- Building to the federal tax credit
- Selling Green Homes
- Networking after hours event



Builders/Developers Next Steps

- Moving existing builders to 100% status.
- Actively working with builder associations and green building programs to encourage 100% ENERGY STAR.
- Positioning Champion Coop funding to be available to only 100% ENERGY STAR builders.
- Supporting quality project management in the field.



Realtors® Progress to date

ENERGY STAR in the Realtor Multiple Listing Service

- Oregon
- Washington

Continuing education courses for Realtors

•Idaho



The Oregonian

Local homes database turns 'green'

RMLS - Environmentally friendly information for Realtors signals good news for some buyers and sellers and starts a trend



Realtors® Next Steps

- Creating two continuing education courses
 - Two day course partnering with green building program
 - Four hour course on ENERGY STAR/energy efficiency overview
- Enlist marketplace instructors and partner with Title Companies on trainings
- Partner with Real Estate firms to market ENERGY STAR Homes



Engaging the BPS Progress to date

2004 and 2005

 Program recruited builders and passed them off to the verifiers to inspect and label homes.

2006

Provided co-op marketing funds so verifiers could market their business.







Building Performance Specialists Next Steps

- Assist verifiers in expanding their business.
 Includes: assisting on equipment expenses,
 co-op marketing
- Encouraging verifiers to recruit builders.
 Providing training on sales, marketing and business development.
- Providing training to assist verifiers in adding services that increase their value to the builders and improve their revenue per house.



HVAC Contractors Progress to Date

- HVAC Pilot effort is targeting HVAC contractors and distributors as a way to encourage sales of high efficiency equipment and to recruit builders into the program.
- •Gensco (Trane distributor) and Tri-County Temp Control working with Legend Homes.
- •Legend Homes now planning a 34 unit development as 100% ENERGY STAR.



HVAC Contractors Next Steps

- Working with HVAC distributors to increase number of shops selling the ENERGY STAR Homes program.
- Discussion of specific pricing strategies and implementation logistics.
- Program assistance for HVAC contractors to market themselves as ENERGY STAR partners.